



The City of Kansas City, Mo.
Neighborhood and Community Services Department
"We're on it, because nothing can stop dedication."



The Neighborhood Navigator

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"When preparing to travel, lay out all your clothes and all your money. Then take half the clothes and twice the money." Susan Heller

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Vacation Crime Prevention Tips

An empty house (or one that looks that way) is a tempting target for a burglar. Use the following checklist of crime prevention tips or recommendations to help safeguard your home while you're away.

- Have good locks on doors and windows
- Make sure your house looks lived in, not empty
- Leave shades and blinds in a normal position
- Ask a neighbor to watch your house
- Test your smoke and burglar alarms
- Stop ALL deliveries – mail, newspaper
- Arrange for someone to mow your lawn
- Have your neighbor put your garbage cans out/in
- Plug in timers to turn lights and a radio or TV on/off

- Turn the ringer on the telephone down low or off. If you can, forward your calls to your cellular phone or a trusted individual.
- Leave a normal message on your answering machine; do not announce your absence on the answering machine.
- Call directly to the KCPD patrol division for your neighborhood to ask the police to place your house on "extra patrol" while you are away.

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EAST PATROL 816-234-5530

METRO PATROL 816-234-5520

NORTH PATROL 816-437-6200

SOUTH PATROL 816-234-5550

SHOAL CREEK PATROL 816-413-3400

INFORMATION

Kansas City's Good Neighbor Award 1st Quarter

While you may not be able to change the neighborhood in which you live, you can change the experience you have in your own neighborhood by getting more involved with those around you and taking pride in the area in which you live.

The following are the 2008 first quarter "Good Neighbor Award" nominations:

◇ **Dr. Ron Aryel** Noble and generous acts of kindness, donates computers and opens his home & aids the homeless, jobless, hungry and the weary.

◇ **Darline Conard** commented she is "Protecting her property value the best she can". The 70 year old woman mows and seeds other neighbors' lawn, cleans out the culvert behind the homes on her block, picks up litter. Also for the past 2 years has clean the storm drain.

◇ **Jack & Marcia Gisler** Shovels snow and run errands for the neighbors for 25 years.

◇ **Elise Jackson** She picks up litter and other debris off the streets all through out the neighborhood and is always very pleasant and a wonderful neighbor.

◇ **Shanita Jackson** stated, "It's not where you live, it's how you live". For the past 3 years has mowed, picked up trash & debris on the vacant land trust property next door to her.

◇ **Larry Roberts** Has had the land graded, mows and keeps the City owned vacant lot clean for the safety of the neighborhood families.

◇ **Minnie Williams** For years during her daily walk; picks up litter and other debris.

To nominate someone you know for the Good Neighbor Award, send an email to ncs@kcmo.org or actioncenter@kcmo.org with a subject line of "Good Neighbor Award" or call the 3-1-1 Action Center.

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Helmet Safety

Why wear a helmet?

It's simple. If you fall while riding, the helmet takes the force of the blow — instead of your head. When you're riding, wearing a helmet is the most effective way to prevent a life-threatening head injury.

Wearing a helmet is a matter of life and death - wearing one should **not** be optional for your child. And don't assume that helmets are just for children. Adults face the same risks as children. The helmet is very important. This can't be emphasized enough, and in many states it's the law. The head should **always** be protected while biking.

There is no difference between having to wear a helmet when you roller skating or rollerblading, on a skateboard, or riding a bicycle, scooter, an all terrain vehicle (ATV) or a motorcycle. In all cases it is an important piece of safety equipment that should not be forgotten. Make sure it is well adjusted, fits level, and won't slip around too much. Look for a helmet that's well ventilated and fits the head well.

Helmet standards

The definitive way to see what a helmet will protect for is to look for the stickers inside that tell you what standards it meets. A bike helmet must meet the CPSC standard, by law. But the law applies only to bicycle helmets. There is a skateboard helmet standard, ASTM F-1492, but no law requires manufacturers to use it, and most consumers don't even know enough to look for the sticker. Only specialized stores carry skateboard helmets, and some of those do not meet ASTM F-1492. The big retailers are selling bicycle helmets with the skate shape. The ideal multi-purpose helmet would have at least two stickers in it, or one sticker that says it meets the two activities you want to use it for.

The Snell Memorial Foundation has a multi-purpose standard, called Snell N-94. There is a list of certified helmets on the Snell Web site at http://www.smf.org/certlist/std_N-94.html. Snell believes that based on their testing of those helmets, they offer adequate protection for "non-motorized activities".

When buying a helmet, turn it over and look inside for either a "CPSC" or "Snell" sticker. A CPSC sticker means the helmet meets tough Consumer Product Safety Commission standards, which were introduced by the U.S. government in 1999. A "Snell" sticker means the helmet is approved by The Snell Memorial Foundation, a nonprofit organization that tests helmet safety and also sets stringent standards. **ASTM** is the American Society for Testing and Materials, a standards setting organization. An ASTM sticker indicates an adequate helmet too. Prices for kids' helmets range from about \$20 in discount stores to \$150 in sporting and bicycle shops.

Missouri-specific information

- All bike riders under the age of 18 must wear a helmet at all times.
- No one under 16 may register an ATV.
- ATV use on highways is prohibited, except for agricultural or industrial purposes.
- No one under 16 may operate an ATV unless on a parent's land or accompanied by a parent.

Passengers may not be carried except for agricultural purposes and except for ATVs designed to carry more than one person.

There is no federal law in the U.S. requiring bicycle helmets. The state of Missouri did adopt the laws in 2000, mostly limited to children under 18. To date, Kansas City has not enacted age specific bicycle helmet laws. Most of these laws cover bicyclists under 16.

For more information go to: <http://www.helmets.org/index.htm>

Move Over or get a Ticket

Reprinted from the Cauthorn Report

When you see a trooper working an accident or pulling over a motorist, please, move over. According to the Missouri Highway Patrol, in 2005 four officers have been killed and two were seriously injured in the line of duty.

In 2004, 16 patrol cars have been struck at an accident scene or while performing roadside traffic stops. Since 2002 this law has been on the books requiring drivers to pull into another lane when a trooper has a car pulled over or is on the highway reconstructing an accident. Motorists are to make a lane change away from the stationary patrol vehicle, if safety and traffic conditions permit. If changing lanes is unsafe or impossible, motorist should proceed with caution and reduce speed to about 20 miles per hour.

Many people are unaware of this law and now more than ever we need to spread the word. Gov. Matt Blunt signed legislation June 29, 2006 increasing penalties for motorists who fail to comply with the state's Move Over law. Senate Bill 872, sponsored by Sen. Michael Gibbons, enacts tougher provisions to help ensure highway workers', emergency workers' and all Missouri motorists' safety. By law Missouri motorists must move over to the other lane when approaching a stationary emergency vehicle or when approached by an oncoming emergency vehicle. Senate Bill 872 upgrades failure to comply with this law to a Class

A misdemeanor from a Class B misdemeanor.

However folks in Jefferson City work to get the word out, the message is very simple: "move over – it's the law and if you can not move over slow down". Our law enforcement officials are working hard to protect us. The least we can do is watch for their safety. Remember, move over, it's more than the law - it's a life.

For more information visit
<http://www.moveoveramerica.com/>

Slow down,

Buckle up,

Move over,

Hang up,

Sober up!



Learn to share the road with Motorcyclists

It is that time of the year to enjoy the weather and with the cost of gas, riding a motorcycle is economical commuting too. But before you start riding, there's another factor other than the weather that needs to be considered - safety.

Motorcycles, motorized tricycles, scooters and mo-peds will be everywhere. These modes of transportation are very maneuverable and gas efficient yet due to their size this type of transportation is seldom noticed. Historically, approximately two-thirds of all car-vs.-motorcycle crashes have been caused by the car driver. Motorists need to be aware that transportation with less than 4 wheels is on the roads, the road must be shared. The following are a few safety tips:

- ✦ Check your left, right and interior mirrors for the bike rider.
- ✦ The head and taillights of the cycle will be on day and night.
- ✦ Please stay at least 2 car lengths behind.
- ✦ Signal your intentions to make a lane change.
- ✦ A motorcycle has to lean to turn.
- ✦ Hang up the cell phone and focus on driving.

This information comes originally from Rick Wheaton, a Certified Motorcycle Rider Coach, and the Motorcycle Safety Foundation.

For more info go to
<http://www.msf-usa.org>.
Click on **Watch:**

Common Road for a three-minute clip from a MSF video entitled "Cars, Motorcycles & A Common Road"

Information on where one can take beginner or experienced riding lessons can be found on this site as well.

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Emergency Management and Severe Weather

By Adrian Walker, Emergency Operations Planner

Background on the Office of Emergency Management

As part of the City Manager's Office, the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) bridges the gap between police, fire and other first responders during times of emergency. OEM's mission is to save life and property by taking reasonable measures to prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of disasters, whether caused by nature or man. This is done through the four phases of the emergency management cycle. These phases are preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation.

During the Preparedness Phase and before a disaster, the OEM develops plans and procedures to guide City operations during a major emergency or disaster. OEM conducts training and exercises for City personnel, offers education programs for the general public, and establishes strategic relationships and alliances with other emergency management officials in the region and state.

The Response Phase means that during a disaster the OEM coordinates response operations within a state-of-the-art Emergency Operations Center (EOC). It was built in 2004 entirely with local sales tax funds – on time and under budget. The EOC provides a location for first responders to “co-locate, cooperate, and coordinate” their operations.

The Recovery Phase occurs after a disaster. During this phase OEM conducts damage assessments necessary to organize recovery operations and to apply for federal disaster assistance. Once recovery grants are awarded, OEM coordinates the grants and serves as the point of contact between the federal government and various City departments receiving the funds.

With the Mitigation Phase, the emergency management cycle begins again. After the City has recovered from the disaster, OEM analyzes the location and type of damage to identify strategies which, if implemented, will minimize repetitive damage from future disasters.

Severe Weather Awareness

With the spring season upon us, there are a number of severe weather hazards that affect Kansas City. These hazards include thunderstorms, tornadoes, lightning, flooding, damaging winds and large hail. Severe weather has the potential to cause extensive property damage, injury and/or death. The Office of Emergency Management would like the residents of Kansas City to remember a few simple concepts to ensure your safety during severe weather.

When conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop, the National Weather Service (NWS) will issue a severe thunderstorm, tornado, and/or flood watch. Severe thunderstorm warnings are issued when severe weather is about to occur or is imminent. A tornado warning is issued when a tornado has been spotted or indicated by weather radar. Flood warnings indicate that flooding is occurring or imminent.

To stay informed of watches and warning, the Office of Emergency

Management urges every household to purchase a NOAA Weather Radio that has both battery back up and tone-alert feature. With these features, the weather radio will automatically alert you when a watch or warning is issued. The NWS continuously broadcasts updated weather watches and warnings across Weather Radios. Commercial radio and television are also good sources to receive severe weather information.

When severe weather does occur, stay indoors and away from the windows. Move to a pre-designated shelter or basement if the threat of tornadoes exists. If an underground shelter is not available, move to the interior of a room or hallway on the lowest floor. If in a car, listen to the radio carefully. Remember, should a tornado occur, you may not be able to see it due to heavy rain or darkness. Never take refuge under a bridge or in a tunnel. Winds actually accelerate when they pass over a bridge or tunnel. If you are caught in your car or outside and shelter is not available from a tornado, get out of your car and lay flat on the ground in a ditch or low lying area. During floods, never walk or drive over a flooded roadway, or over a flooded bridge. The speed and depth of water is not always obvious and there may be a hidden portion of the roadway washed out under the water. Two feet of water will carry most automobiles away.

Preparedness

Besides staying aware of severe weather, everyone should have a disaster plan. The plan should be discussed thoroughly with everyone in your family. The plan should contain a spot outside your immediate home for everyone to meet as well as a spot outside your neighborhood in case you cannot return home. The plan should also contain an out of state contact in case people in your family become separated and cannot communicate with one another. Another important component of the plan is a disaster supply kit. A disaster supply kit should include a flashlight, extra batteries, portable radio, three day supply of water (one gallon per person per day) and food that will not spoil, one change of clothing and footwear per person, one blanket or sleeping bag per person, first-aid kit, prescription medicines, an extra set of car keys, extra cash or credit card, and any other special items as needed for infant, elderly and people with special needs.

If interested in learning more, residents can sign up for Community Emergency Response Training (CERT). CERT educates ordinary people about the emergencies and disasters they are likely to face, and provides training on how to help themselves, families and neighbors until professional help arrives. Training takes about 20 hours to complete and includes classroom instruction by professional first responders, practical experience using emergency equipment and a disaster simulation exercise. Training is open to all adults and is free of charge to Kansas City residents. Training is specifically designed for small groups of 12 to 20 people. Family groups, schools, churches, community groups and businesses are encouraged to participate.

Please contact the Kansas City, Mo Office of Emergency Management at 816-784-9040 for more information.

The Power of a Surge Protector

You have hundreds or maybe even thousands of dollars invested in electronics for your home, you will want to protect them from harm. Lightning and power surges ruin electronic equipment each and every day.

Signs of spring are here in Kansas City. One of the first signs always seems to be the appearance of lightning storms. Although we have ranked high on lightning scale, lightning can occur anywhere in the world. When lightning strikes, it can have devastating effects on electronic equipment.

The main job of a surge protector system is to protect electronic devices from voltage spikes or "surges." A surge protector attempts to regulate the voltage supplied to an electric device by either blocking or by shorting to ground voltages above a safe threshold.

Surges?

So if you're wondering what a surge protector does, the first question is, "What are surges?" A power surge, or transient voltage, is an increase in voltage significantly above the designated level in a flow of electricity. If the surge or spike is high enough, it can inflict some heavy damage on a machine. If there is too much water pressure, a hose will burst. Power surges occur when something boosts the electrical charge at some point in the power lines. When lightning strikes near a power line, whether it's underground, in a building or running along poles, the electrical energy can boost electrical pressure by millions of volts. This causes an extremely large power surge that will overpower almost any surge protector. In a lightning storm, you should never rely on your surge protector to save your electronics. A more common cause of power surges is the operation of high-power electrical devices, such as air conditioners and refrigerators. This switching creates sudden, brief demands for power, which upset the steady voltage flow in the electrical system. Other sources of power surges include faulty wiring, problems with the utility company's equipment, and downed power lines. In today's system of electricity distribution, power surges are an unavoidable occurrence.

A power strip is NOT a surge protector!

The way to protect your computer and other electronics from lightning and power surges is to use a good surge protector. Don't be confused. A power strip, which is a simple strip of outlets, is not necessarily a surge protector. A surge protector may look like a power strip, but it has built-in protection against power surges. You will find all of the information that you need printed on the surge protector's box.

Joules is one specification which defines a surge protector for AC mains and some communication protection.

Joules - This number defines how much energy the surge protector can absorb without failure. Generally, 200 joules is undersized protection since harmful voltage spikes are

significantly larger than 200 joules. A higher number indicates greater protection. Look for a protector that is at least rated at 200 to 400 joules. For better protection, look for a rating of 600 joules or more.

Surge Protector Ratings

On a listed surge protector, you should find a couple of ratings. Look for:

- ✦ **Clamping voltage** - There are three levels of protection in the UL rating -- 330 V, 400 V and 500 V. Generally, a clamping voltage more than 400 V is too high.
- ✦ **Energy absorption/dissipation** - This rating, given in joules, tells you how much energy the surge protector can absorb before it fails.
- ✦ **Response time** - Surge protectors don't kick in immediately; there is a very slight delay as they respond to the power surge. Look for a surge protector that responds in less than one nanosecond.

You should also look for a protector with an **indicator light** that tells you if the protection components are functioning. All MOVs will burn out after repeated power surges, but the protector will still function as a power strip. Without an indicator light, you have no way of knowing if your protector is still functioning properly. Be sure to protect your computer and other electronics with a quality surge protector. When that storm or power surge comes, you'll have peace of mind for yourself and adequate protection for your equipment.

If you're interested in learning more about surge protectors, visit <http://computer.howstuffworks.com/surge-protector.htm>



Neighborhood Advisory Council fills two vacant seats

The Kansas City Neighborhood Advisory Council recently selected two new members to represent the previously vacant Southeast Region.

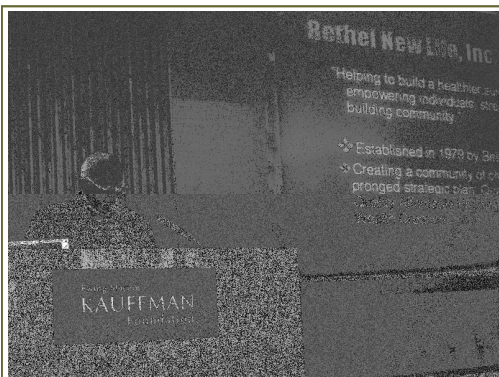
- Mr. Mark Harris is long time resident of Hillcrest Hills. He is active in the Ruskin Neighborhood Community Development Center. Mr. Harris stated I have a deep concern and commitment to helping our neighborhoods. I know that my business, education and experience with Ruskin Neighborhood CDC will give me the much needed insight in making decisions to help our community. I was born and raised in Kansas City so I understand on a personal level what our neighborhoods need and want. That is what it takes to make a great board member on the KCNAC.
- Ms. Evaline Taylor is the Vice-President of Noble Homes where she resides. Ms. Taylor has run for several political offices including United States Senator and Kansas City, Missouri City Council. Currently, she serves on the National Association of Human Rights in America. Ms. Taylor feels she can make a difference in our community by serving on the KCNAC. She wants to make sure that our community is perfected and the citizens reap the benefits from their tax dollars. She states, "I talk and listen to citizens in the community and know first hand what their needs are."



The Neighborhood Advisory Council meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 4 p.m., at the Black Economic Union buildings at 18th & Vine. For more information, visit <http://www.kcmo.org/neigh.nsf/web/kcnac> or contact Ta'Wana Woodard at (816) 513-3229.

Block Contact Training a Roaring Success

On Saturday, May 3 more than 150 experienced and novice neighborhood folks gathered at the Kauffman Foundation to learn more about block watch and block contact groups. The event, sponsored by the Neighborhood Services Division of the City's Neighborhood & Community Services Department, brought together people from all areas of the City (and



Mildred Wiley fired attendees up before breakout sessions began.

even a few from outside it!) to learn from each other. While the keynote speaker was Mildred Wiley, a Senior Director from Bethel New Life, a community organization in Chicago, all of the other speakers and presenters were local leaders with experience right here in Kansas City:

- Officer Mitch Atwood from Central Patrol Division;
- Eula Inloes from Here's Waldo Neighborhood Association;
- Jessie Jefferson from Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council;
- David Reynolds of the Neighborhood Services Division;
- Jennifer Stone from Westside Housing Organization;

In addition, Lee Bohannon facilitated a Round Table discussion on the topic of "what to do once the problem is solved", and ways to avoid the common dispersal of a group after the galvanizing event is taken care of. Round Table participants came from such experienced groups as Avalon View Neighborhood Association, Blue Hills Neighborhood Association, the Local Investment Commission, and the Westside Housing Organization.

Response to the event was positive, and the only major 'complaints' were that it was too short, and people wanted even more information and time to learn and share. So it is likely that another event of this type will happen in the fall or next spring!



Participants listen to Officer Atwood reveal some of the "Secrets of the K.C.P.D." during a breakout session.

Free paint available for eligible Kansas City, Mo., homeowners

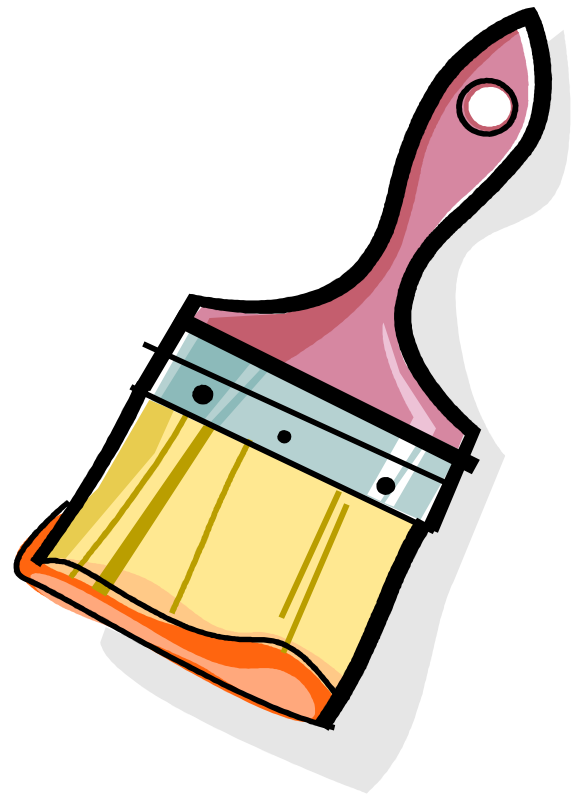
Participants pick paint colors and receive other supplies

Warmer weather signals the start of many things – one of which is the City of Kansas City, Mo., Paint Program. In 2007, this program provided free paint and supplies to 310 homeowners.

"This program gives eligible homeowners high-quality, exterior paint for their homes at no cost," said Bob Jackson, manager of the Property Preservation Division of the Neighborhood and Community Services Department. The Property Preservation Division staff manages the Paint Program.

Eligible applicants will be able to receive paint, primer, caulking and other supplies related to the painting of their home, with the total cost of the paint supplies not exceeding \$500. Eligible applicants must meet the following qualifications:

- Reside in Kansas City, Mo.
- Own and reside in the property to be painted
- Be the owner of only one property
- Meet these household income guidelines
- One person \$38,300
- Two people \$43,800
- Three people \$49,250
- Four people \$54,700
- Five people \$59,100
- Six people \$63,500
- Seven people \$67,850
- Eight or more people \$72,250.



Paint recipients must make all necessary repairs and properly prepare their houses for painting prior to receiving their supplies. After an inspector determines that a house is ready to be painted, a voucher will be awarded to the homeowner that allows him to choose the color of Sherwin-Williams paint he wishes to receive. Paint selection is limited to standard, in-store colors; no color matching will be done.

"Sometimes, homeowners need a little help with the upkeep of their property. Through this program, we are able to help people, which helps improve our neighborhoods one house at a time," Jackson said.

For more information and to get an application, visit <http://www.kcmo.org/neigh.nsf/web/dbpaint> or call the Property Preservation Division, (816) 513-3025.

Healthy Fun in the Sun

Below are just some of the invigorating activities available for both youth and adults this summer.

Swim pool parties

The 2008 free parties are from 5-7 p.m. and will feature pool activities, contests, prizes and healthy snacks. For more information, visit http://www.kcmo.org/parks/special_events/2008PoolParties.pdf

Free Pool Party Schedule (in case of rain, the party will be held the following evening):

Tuesday, June 10: Line Creek Pool, 5940 N.W. Waukomis Drive

Tuesday, June 24: The Grove Pool, Benton Boulevard and Truman Road

Tuesday, July 8: Swope Park Pool, 6700 Lewis Road

Tuesday, July 22: Brush Creek Pool, Emanuel Cleaver II Boulevard and Cleveland

Tuesday, Aug. 5: Budd Pool, Budd Park Esplanade and Denver

These pools will also offer free swim hours this summer, between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Free Swim Pool Parties are sponsored by the City of Kansas City, Parks & Recreation Department, KCWE 29, and Children's Mercy Family Health Partners.



Splash Bash

The Springs Aquatic Center, 9400 N. Congress

June 13, July 11 and Aug. 8

8:30 p.m. to midnight

\$5 per person

18 years of age and up.

For more information, call (816) 513-7623.

Zoo Events

Second Saturday Kid's Fun Fest: June 14, July 12, August 9, 10am-3pm. There is no additional cost beyond regular admission to the Zoo.

Fourth Friday Adult Evenings: June 27, July 25, August 22, September 26, 6:30-9:30pm. Regular admission pricing, 21 and older only.

Much more information on events can be found at <http://www.kansascityzoo.org/>



Ethnic Enrichment Festival

Swope Park, Meyer Boulevard and Swope Parkway

Aug. 15-17 (Friday 6-10pm, Saturday Noon-10pm, Sunday Noon-6pm)

"Taste the World," food, crafts and customs from more than 50 countries around the world.

Live entertainment and an expanded International Youth Booth for children 6 to 60. Tickets are \$3, children under 12 free with a paid adult. For more information, call (816) 513-7553 or visit

<http://www.kcmo.org/parks>



For much more information, visit <http://www.kcmo.org/parks.nsf/web/special> or <http://www.kcmo.org/youth>

Sprint Family Fun Series in the Power & Light District

As part of the new Power & Light District associated with the Sprint Center, a free series of family-friendly Saturday events will be held over the course of the summer. Weather permitting, families will be able to attend events under the “clock tower” (between Walnut, Main, 13th & 14th Streets) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. **All events are free**, and garage parking is only \$2 with validation—just bring your ticket to the event! Limited on-street parking is also available.

Activities Schedule

MAY 24	Kick Off to Summer!
MAY 31	Kansas City Pride – Local Sports Teams
JUNE 7	Reading & Imagination with Dinosaurs
JUNE 11	Magic and Games (Father’s Day)
JUNE 21	Let the Music Move You
JUNE 28	Celebrate the Arts (Concurrent with the District Art Annual)
JULY 5	Salute to Public Safety
JULY 12	Reading with Disney
JULY 19	Celebrating the Performing Arts
JULY 26	Disney Day
AUG 2	For Animal Lovers (Animal Day)
AUG 9	Kids Cooking & Health
AUG 16	Green Day (Encouraging Green Initiatives)
AUG 23	Get Your Hands Up and Shout! (Music and Entertainment)
AUG 30	Back to School Celebration



More details will be available at <http://www.powerandlightdistrict.com>. Vendors or entertainers can contact Rachel Felix, Partnership Marketing Manager, at rfelix@cordish.com or 816.842.1045 ext 232.

KC After Dark: Activities for Teens

The Youth Advocacy Office (part of the Office of the City Manager) has a series of activities planned for youth aged 12-17 this summer. Transportation is provided for those activities marked with an asterisk; **pre-registration is required!** To pre-register for events, visit <http://www.kcmo.org/youth> or call Thalia Cherry at (816) 513-1378.

June 6 Lock in at the Club 7 p.m. - 7 a.m. 3831 E. 43rd St., Kansas City, MO 64128 \$10 per person	June 29 Swim Party at CoCo Key* 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. 9103 E. 39th St., Kansas City, MO 64133 \$10 per person	July 25 College Basketball Experience 8 p.m. - midnight 1401 Grand Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64106 \$5 per person
June 8 Outdoor Movies at KC Live Starts at 9 p.m. 14th Street & Grand, Kansas City, MO 64106 Free event	July 11 Kansas City Royals game* 7 p.m. - 7 a.m. I-70 and Blue Ridge Cutoff, Kansas City, MO Free event	Aug. 1 Lock in at the Club 7 p.m. - 7 a.m. 3831 E. 43rd St., Kansas City, MO 64128 \$10 per person
June 13 College Basketball Experience 8 p.m. - midnight 1401 Grand Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64106 \$5 per person	July 18 Party at the Club 8 p.m. - midnight 3831 E. 43rd St., Kansas City, MO 64128 \$10 per person	Aug. 8 Worlds of Fun* 5 p.m. - midnight 4545 Worlds of Fun Ave., Kansas City, MO \$25 per person
June 20 Party at the Club 8 p.m. - midnight 3831 E. 43rd St., Kansas City, MO 64128 \$10 per person	July 20 Outdoor Movies at KC Live Starts at 9 p.m. 14th Street & Grand, Kansas City, MO 64106 Free event	Aug. 15 Party at the Club 8 p.m. - midnight 3831 E. 43rd St., Kansas City, MO 64128 \$10 per person

25th Annual National Night Out Against Crime

You Are Cordially Invited:

When: Tuesday, August 5, 2008

Where: Your Block, Your Neighborhood, Your Community, Kansas City, Missouri

What: The National Association of Town Watch (NATW) is a nonprofit, crime prevention organization which works in cooperation with thousands of crime watch groups and law enforcement agencies throughout the country. Since 1981, NATW has been dedicated to the development, growth and maintenance of organized crime and drug prevention programs nationwide. NATW's network has grown to include over 6,500 crime, drug and violence prevention organizations.



POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

National Night Out, 'America's Night Out Against Crime,' was introduced by the Association in 1984. The program was the brainchild of NATW Executive Director Matt A. Peskin. While the traditional 'lights on' and front porch vigils remain a part of NNO, activities have expanded considerably over the years to include block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from police, festivals, neighborhood walks, safety fairs, contests, rallies and meetings.

Why: Created by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW), National Night Out works to engage families and children in learning about crime and drug prevention, generate support and participation in anticrime and public safety programs, and to strengthen the neighborly spirit of cooperation in local cities and communities.

Who: Every year, the National Night Out campaign involves citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from over 10,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. In all, over **34 million** people participated in National Night Out 2007.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to:

- ⇒ Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- ⇒ Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- ⇒ Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- ⇒ Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

How: Don't delay, register and for more information: <http://www.nationaltownwatch.org/nno/index.html>



The following are local neighborhoods and organizations that have participated in past years: 40-46 North Neighborhood & Crime Watch, 49/63, Blue Hills, Blue Valley, Gladstone, Golden Oaks, Hyde Park, Ivanhoe, Manheim Park, Noble, Northland Neighborhood Inc., Sheraton Estates, Swope Parkway-Elmwood (SPENA), Squier Park, Swope Community Builders, Town Fork Creek, and Vineyard.

LET'S ALL REGISTER THIS YEAR!

City Council selects Areas for Rental Registration and Inspection Program

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The **Blue Hills, Hyde Park, Ivanhoe, Pendleton Heights, Scarritt Renaissance, Town Fork Creek and West Plaza** neighborhoods will soon be enjoying the benefits of enhanced code enforcement. The City Council selected these neighborhoods as target areas for the City of Kansas City, Mo., Rental Registration and Inspection Program, which will include systematic (for every property), proactive enforcement of housing codes only in these areas. The inspections are scheduled to begin in May.

"The Housing Committee received recommendations from City staff about the neighborhood associations that applied for this program and met the criteria to participate," said Councilman John A. Sharp, 6th District, and member of the Housing Committee. "Hopefully, more neighborhoods will apply and be included in this neighborhood revitalization program in future years."



To be considered as a potential target area, neighborhoods have to meet these qualifications:

- At least 30 percent of the housing units must be rental housing units
- There must be a basically sound but declining housing inventory that exhibits substantial deterioration but little dilapidation
- There must be a demonstrated resident interest in and support for the Rental Registration and Inspection Program and for the initiation of systematic housing inspections to make sure property is being maintained in compliance with the City's nuisance and property maintenance codes.

In addition to inspections of rental properties in these target areas, inspections of the exteriors of owner-occupied properties also will occur. Interior inspections only will be conducted on vacant rental properties. If a property fails inspection, the owner will have a specific time period within which to abate the code violation. Rental property owners will be charged \$100 for re-inspections after the initial re-inspection is made to see if the violations have been abated.

"The goal of the inspections is to improve our neighborhoods – not to be punitive. We will be working with neighborhood associations and residents to help find the resources needed to make improvements as individual circumstances warrant a need," said Dan Schmelzinger, property conservation manager in the Neighborhood and Community Services Department. Schmelzinger oversees the administration of the Rental Registration and Inspection Program.

This program is the result of the passage of ordinance No. 071046 in October 2007. Registration is required on a calendar-year basis and will expire each Dec. 31.

For more information about the Rental Registration and Inspection Program, visit <http://www.kcmo.org/neigh> or call the Neighborhood Preservation Division, (816) 513-9010.



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‘I’ve always thought that a big laugh is a really loud noise from the soul saying, “ain’t that the truth”.’ - Quincy Jones



Call the 3-1-1 Action Center to report pot holes, missed trash, street light out, malfunction traffic signals, water main breaks and to nominate your “good neighbors”. You can also fill out a service request online at <http://www.kcmo.org/action>.



9-1-1 is the phone number for police, fire, and medical emergencies; everyone seems to know that by now. But what you may not know is what *constitutes* an emergency, and what doesn't.

- If it will make **any** difference how fast help gets there, don't hesitate to call 9-1-1! A crime in progress or a dangerous situation always calls for the fastest possible response.
- Different types of emergency calls will receive different prioritization, depending on what the risk is to people or property. Don't panic if the dispatcher is asking you lots of questions; they will often have started routing someone your way and then continue to pass on information while they talk to you.



Do you have what it takes to volunteer? Invest your time with UNITED WAY'S Ready to Serve Volunteer Program.

A nationwide volunteer program, RSVP invites you to use your life experience and skills to answer the call of your neighbors in need. Giving anywhere from four to 40 hours per week, RSVP volunteers help solve serious problems in the community.

For more information please visit <http://uwgkc.org> or call Betsy Phillips at 816-559-4668.



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